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For illustration of Woodgreen Tabernacle, see next week's CRY, also the account of the meeting held therest.

## CALLED FROM THE PLOUGH.

Being the Life Sketch of Capt. W. Hayes.

My prophet neither saw I a prophet's son, but found a herdsman, and a gatherer of pigs, and the Lord took me as I followed his ways, and said, "Look and see me, God prophesies unto My people Israel."—Amos viii. 14-15.

I have for some months past felt I should make the best of my life to the CRY, and do so I pray that it will bless and help those who may chance to read it. It was not always good, but it was very good, and I have had enough.

I was born near Hagersville, Township of Oonda, County of Haldimand.

My father and mother were not very well to live on, but they managed to get along very well.

There were nine of us in the family, and as I look back

I AM ALREADY BORN.

DAYS

My heart becomes

more sorrowful and

I am fatigued.

My parents were both

deceased, yet mother

was very anxious

that I should be

a good, and there

was very

kind. She would

sit at her knee

and teach us to

read, from the

Bible, and it was

fun, and

was rather mis-

takene.

I very

soon got interested

in the ploughing

which I should not. To

read my book and

study was a pretty

and pleasant pastime,

especially on

Sundays, for I

wanted to play and

have fun, but I

would get up to the

bed, but too unpleas-

ant, I would get

up to the bush or

or woods, and

was a joy.

I was running

in the fence close

I came a rod

up, I with

my brother

and I spent

some time in doing

I threw a stick

and thought

it would

hit it, and I

ran out to my

brother, saying,

"Look, I have

a tail."

I turned round,

and there was mother after me with a whip.

Oh, I yelled!

I got away and ran home

for all I was worth.

But I got it again

when she came in, I pleaded and told

I would buy her a new dress.

When I got big, but it was all no use, I

had to go to school.

I remember the first Sunday school I attended. The minister read to us the 22nd chapter, St. Matthew. The question he asked us was, "What does spiritual death mean?" I said, "It is spiritual sleep."

"Yes, that's it?" That seemed to raise

me so high. From my earliest recollection I wanted to be good and present the Gospel, but I did not know what I should have to do to go to college to earn, and we did not have the means.

After this I met with a great loss. It

was the death of two brothers and my pa-

ther. She died October 8th, 1872. At the time I did not seem to feel the loss, but I remember on the day of her death at all times when I was looking at her for the last time that my heart broke within me. I cried and sobbed, for my best friend had left me. I have often wished since then that if I could have a friend like her again, but it has not been given so near me. After her death I went to live with my grandmother, while father went to live with C. C. The minister went to live at school and here I got into endless trouble, sometimes fighting, even with the girls. I got into a lot of trouble with the minister and his man. I returned after that. I got three or four of cats then at which seemed like a lot of cats

PULLING HAIR AND SCRATCHING.

I soon got out of the way. Well anyway with my going to S. B. and day school I

time after this there was an Order of Farmers started, a cheap concert. I went to the first meeting and for the first time I went up Salt Creek. We got up a cricket club. They put me in as captain. Then we got up a base ball club. I went to that for a good while. The meetings then began to be held at the Christian. It was some time after this that revival meetings were commenced in the Methodist Church to which I belonged. I was a member of the choir. These revival meetings had gone on for three or four weeks with very little results. So one night the minister was going to stop them, but after those three weeks longer to raise up their hands. All hands went up. A few nights after this I was at the penitent-wall and one of the members of the choir said, "What is that?" I said I had come, and that was all. So for three or four weeks I was at the penitent-bench every night. I went to meeting, I

could not see them. Well, you know, that tickled me and I laughed. We wanted to see what he would do in the class meeting and Sunday School.

I enjoyed myself a great deal at dances, parties, and so on. I was a bantam and a bantam I had a chance of going round. I girded myself in my band uniform and instrument, being out all the hours of the day. I had a chance to play before I jumped into bed. If I forgot that I would get up and say them.

"OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVENS," etc., and "Now I lay me down to sleep." I liked a small glass. I went in concert and borrowed tools to New York State with the lumbermen. But I never got paid. I came home two weeks later. My uncle said to me if I ever got well I should never play another horn. I got well, but not long after that I had the horn again. At last there was an order

that was not an order, I was to be a drummer. In the band. No

longer after this I joined the Town Brass Band of B—

Sometimes after that I joined the Royal Orange Lodge, and I was soon promoted to the rank of Assistant Master, and then to the rank of

President of the Sunday School, and one Sunday I was



had to study quite a bit, which I soon loved and took an interest in.

After this I met with another loss, and that was my grandmother, who died September 8th, 1877. After this I lived very regularly, learning a great many

Scripture verses so that at last I

had two thousand learned. I loved the

S. B. with all my heart. About this time

I was getting rather rebellious.

One Sunday good old Mr. C. the

minister, Mr. C., gave me a great

puff from the pulpit for learning so many

verses, and said how usefully I had

been to the church. This

lodge went on for some months. I had fun

and so on while it kept up. It soon went

down. After this I never again

wanted to go to college to earn.

After this I met with a great loss. It

was the death of two brothers and my pa-

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but I FELT SOLEMN.

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